

ANNUAL REPORT AND DIRECTORY

2001

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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EVELYN EVANS

Evelyn Evans has served the Conference United Methodist Women as Treasurer, Secretary, and Dean of the School of Christian Mission. She has been the coordinator of local arrangements for the West Gulf Regional School at Centenary College.

She has served the Alexandria District as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, and the Natchitoches District as Treasurer.

She has served her local unit as President for several different terms.

Evelyn has been creative in presenting the pledge services and mission programs. She has given generously of her time, talent and finances toward the fulfillment of the PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women.

She has received much support from her family - her husband, their six children and spouses, and twelve grandchildren. They have performed countless menial and behind-the-scenes tasks. They are all members of the United Methodist Church and dedicate themselves to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom here on this Earth.

With gracious love and appreciation we dedicate this Conference Report and Directory for 2001 to our beloved friend Evelyn Maples Evans.

THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

PURPOSE OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; shall engage in activities which foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement throughout the organization. (Discipline Paragraph 1317)

THE COVER

The design on the cover was taken from the Annual Meeting Program book. The theme of the Annual Meeting was "Let God's Light Shine from Earthen Vessels".

DEDICATION

The dedication was written by Norma Winegeart. She is currently serving as chair of the Committee on Standing Rules. She has served the United Methodist Women in many different capacities including Conference President, chair of the Committee on Nominations, and numerous other offices on circle, local, and district levels.

OUR POLICY

IT IS AGAINST THE POLICY OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION TO RELEASE LISTS OF OFFICERS TO ANY ORGANIZATIONS OR COMMERCIAL FIRMS. THESE LISTS ARE PUBLISHED FOR THE USE OF THE LOCAL, DISTRICT, AND CONFERENCE OFFICERS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ONLY AND ARE TO BE USED FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE WORK OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.

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Mrs. C. I. Jones
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1940 - 1972

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

1968 - 1972

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan

Miss Ethel Alston

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

1972

Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick

Mrs. Robert Compton

Mrs. Truman L. Ward

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Mrs. Glenn Laskey

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1968 - 1972 (WSCS) Elizabeth McGowan

1972 Florence Kirkpatrick

(elected 1972, died the week prior to her first Annual Meeting in 1973)

1973 - 1975 Mary Adele Compton

1975 - 1979 Amy Ward

1979 - 1981 Janet Hoffpauir

1981 - 1985 Nell Read

1985- 1989 Janelle McCammon

1989 - 1993 Norma S. Winegeart

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1997 - 2001 Elouise Sanders

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United Methodist Women 2001 - 2004

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Fairfield	Bessie Washington	1728 Severine Shreveport	71108	318-636-3997
Fairview.....	Vera Jewitt	10158 Bullhorn Road P/D Shreveport	71106	318-797-8583
Faith.....	Doris McCall	4047 Rose Lane Shreveport	71109	318-636-0282
First.....	Velda McCormick	7346 Camelback Drive Shreveport	71105	318-797-8916
Lakeview	Missy Burnell	7202 Whispering Pines Drive Shreveport	71129	318-688-7525
Mangum.....	Kathryn Linn	6000 Candlewood Ln. Shreveport	71119	318-838-9689
Morningside	Margie Frady	7137 West Canal Shreveport	71108	318-686-7318
Mount Zion.....	Rosie Washington	2940 Judson Shreveport	71109	318-631-4679
Noel	Billie Haacker	301 Oriole Shreveport	71105	318-861-0477
North Highlands	Martha Garrett	949 Wilton Place Shreveport	71107	318-211-5832
Round Grove	Inell Myers	2573 David Raines Road Shreveport	71107	318-425-5775
St. James.....	Aline Watkins	3809 Lisa Lane Shreveport	71109	318-621-0074
St. Luke	Lexine Adams	329 Levin Lane Shreveport	71105	318-868-2390
St. Paul.....	Earkie Simpkins	1804 Murphy Shreveport	71103	318-227-8627
Summer Grove	Mary Huff	5660 Branchwood Keithville	71047	318-925-6335
Zwolle.....	Laura Rives	178 Lakeland Many	71449	318-256-5967

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
2001

January		
20		Task Force for Annual Meeting
28		UMW Sunday
February 23	Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Center	
23 - 25		Retreat, Conference Center
March 24	Finance, Nominations, Membership Committees, Conference Center	
April 15		Easter
June	Louisiana Annual Conference, Centenary College	
15 - 19		West Gulf Regional School, Oklahoma City, OK
July 9	Committee Meetings, Conference Center	
July 10 - 13	Conference School of Christian Mission, Conference Center	
September 13	Conference Executive Committee	
14 - 15	Conference Annual Meeting, St. Timothy's on the North Shore, Mandeville	
October		District Annual Meetings
13		DELT, Conference Center
November	School Committee, Program Committee, Conference Center	

2002

February 8 - 9		Midyear
July 24 - 28		School of Christian Mission
October 12		DELT

2001 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

Acadiana	November 3	Trinity, Baldwin
Alexandria	September 29	FUMC, Natchitoches
Baton Rouge	November 3	
Lake Charles	October 27	University, Lake Charles
Monroe	October 6	FUMC, Bastrop
New Orleans	October 27	St. Matthews, Metairie
North Shore	November 3	Centenary UMC, Franklinton
Ruston	October 20	Trinity UMC, Ruston
Shreveport	October 21	Noel, Shreveport

LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE DISTRICT TREASURER

February 15
May 15
August 15
November 15

DISTRICT QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE CONFERENCE TREASURER

March 1
June 1
September 1
December 1

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2001 BUDGET

PLEDGE TO MISSION		\$240,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT		
A. Travel Expense: (Insurance, Lodging/Meals, Mileage) Executive & Other Committees, for Interconference Events & Responsibilities & Church Related Meetings	5,500.00	
B. Resources: Officers	100.00	
Resources: Service Center Mailings (3)	90.00	
C. District Administrative & Membership Development	22,255.00	
D. Jurisdiction A & MD (1% of Pledge)	2,400.00	
E. Schools of Christian Mission		
1. West Gulf Regional	6,000.00	
2. Louisiana Conference	12,000.00	
F. Programs & Events Within Louisiana Conference		
1. Annual Meeting	1,500.00	
2. District Elected Leadership Training (DELT)	2,000.00	
3. Retreat 2001	200.00	
G. Attendance at Regional & National Events		
1. National Assembly, 2002 (Cumulative 4 Years)	2,300.00	
2. Jurisdiction Meeting, 2004 (Cumulative 4 Years)	600.00	
3. National Seminar, 2003 (Cumulative 4 Years)	300.00	
H. Operating Expenses		
1. Conference Directory	2,000.00	
2. Newsletter (Printing & Bulk Mail)	7,000.00	
3. Postage	400.00	
4. Office Supplies & Printing (Copying)	500.00	
5. Telephone	200.00	
6. Audit for 2000	1,500.00	
7. Honors and Memorials	400.00	
8. Dependent Care Subsidy	100.00	
I. Church Women United	<u>300.00</u>	
TOTAL A & MD BUDGET FOR 2001		<u>67,645.00</u>
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR 2001		\$307,645.00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW - 2000

DISTRICTS	ACADIANA	ALEXANDRIA	BATON ROUGE	LAKE CHAS.	MONROE	NEW ORLN	NORTH SHORE	RUSTON	SHREVEPORT	COFERENCE	TOTALS
CHANNELS OF GIVING : PLEDGE	19,000.00	28,000.00	44,500.00	42,000.00	29,000.00	42,640.00	21,000.00	27,500.00	43,050.00	240,000.00	
UNDESIGNATED											
Pledge to Mission	12,832.97	24,093.00	36,115.69	32,779.43	22,250.20	31,306.67	18,233.80	20,446.80	39,105.48	2,858.09	240,022.13
Special Mission Recognition	1,800.00	870.00	1,950.00	2,400.00	1,860.00	1,510.00	1,780.00	1,430.00	2,090.00	1,090.00	16,780.00
Gift to Mission	430.00	155.00	637.25	639.70	445.00	405.00	850.00	344.00	555.00		4,460.95
Gift in Memory	713.00	254.00	935.00	539.22	205.00	340.00	533.00	335.00	1,458.00	50.00	5,362.22
World Thank Offering	1,703.80	1,924.36	3,318.86	2,904.96	2,069.03	2,390.67	1,974.58	2,235.76	3,331.59		21,853.61
Conf Mission Candle	848.24	944.46	1,471.54	2,085.22	1,030.57	1,046.45	997.30	888.00	1,841.98		11,153.76
Conf Mission Ribbons	600.00	600.00	700.00	859.00	340.00	759.00	557.00	55.00	843.00	(1,192.65)	4,120.35
Conf Retiring Officers	130.00	150.00	507.92	465.75	170.00	260.00	95.00	196.00	206.75		2,181.42
Dist Retiring Officers							35.00	171.00			206.00
District Offerings	138.85								166.00		304.85
Unused District A&MD	1,395.03				1,012.15		4,000.00		600.00		7,007.18
TOTAL ON PLEDGE	20,591.89	28,990.82	45,636.26	42,673.28	29,381.95	38,017.79	29,055.68	26,101.56	50,197.80	2,805.44	313,452.47
DESIGNATED:											
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	1,351.08	1,406.62	1,667.70	1,631.85	1,061.39	1,779.90	954.50	1,411.20	2,420.38		13,684.62
Supplementary Gifts.											-
General Missions:											-
Brighter Future			55.00		20.00		405.00	50.00			530.00
Scarritt-Bennett Center			15.00								15.00
Assembly Offering											-
World Mission - Undesignated			100.00		7.50						7.50
Child's Village-Zaire-198000-6			30.00				30.00				100.00
Indonesia-Abdia Sabda Smmy											30.00
Exploitation-Children											30.00
Ujereh - #010918									100.00		100.00
National Mission - Undesignated	25.00				4.50						29.50
Dulac	95.00	450.00	950.00	737.50	365.00	425.00	325.00	500.00	687.00		4,534.50
McDonnell	120.00	410.00	1080.00	887.50	400.00	1839.87	666.00	550.00	737.00		6690.37
St. Mark's Community Center	70.00	145.00	1125.00	650.00	445.00	1645.00	100.00	741.88	137.00		5058.88
Shirley Crouse - Red Bird									500.00		500.00
Red Bird Mission			214.00		100.00		112.96				212.96
Hispanic Radio Ministry							250.00				214.00
Heifer Project								400.00			250.00
Henderson Settlement											400.00
UMCOR-Undesignated	50.00		80.00	225.00		50.00	255.00	150.00	100.00		910.00
Sager Brown	110.00	16.50			200.00	400.00			250.00		976.50
Advance #00394-7RA			58.00								58.00
Hope for Children of Africa							35.00				35.00
Crusade Scholarships							10.25		13.00		83.25
Magazine Fund			35.00				3.50				33.50
OK Indian Missionary Conference								400.00			400.00
Conference A&MD Gifts	597.00	552.00	703.00	705.00	182.00	471.00	417.00	315.00	899.50		4,841.50
Conference Center				100.00	200.00						300.00
Conference Directory	36.00	34.00	9.00	48.40	22.00	13.00	43.00	4.00	43.00	79.00	331.40
Estelle Dameron Scholarships		85.00	225.00	135.00	10.00	75.00	130.00	35.00	50.00	15.00	760.00
TOTAL DESIGNATED	2,479.08	3,089.12	6,376.70	5,120.25	3,017.39	6,698.77	3,737.21	4,557.08	5,936.88	94.00	41,116.48
Transient Gifts	150.00		100.00			25.00		325.00	887.00		1,487.00
TOTAL GIVING - 2000	23,220.97	32,088.94	52,112.96	47,793.53	32,399.34	44,741.56	32,792.89	30,983.64	57,021.68	3,019.44	356,055.95

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW - 2000
ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

	2000 BUDGET	EXPENSES & CREDITS	BALANCE
A. TRAVEL (Incl. Insurance, Lodging & Meals)	5,500.00		
1. Insurance		(728.91)	
2. Lodging/Meals: Executive Committee - Mid Year		(1679.20)	
Executive Committee - Annual Meeting		(82.30)	
3. Committee on Finance - Spring Meeting		(82.00)	
4. Committee on Membership Nurture		(82.00)	
5. Committee on Nominations		(82.00)	
6. Committee on School of Christian Mission		(100.50)	
7. Church Related Meetings		(113.32)	
8. Mileage: Executive Committee - Mid Year		(507.24)	
Executive Committee - Annual Meeting		(17.68)	
9. Committee on Finance - Spring Meeting		(171.02)	
Committee on Finance - School of Mission		(25.50)	
10. Committee on Membership Nurture		(159.74)	
11. Committee on School of Christian Mission		(258.57)	
12. Committee on Standing Rules		(29.90)	
13. Committee on Nominations		(144.83)	
14. Church Related Meetings		(24.18)	
Total Travel	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>(4,288.89)</u>	<u>1,211.11</u>
B. RESOURCES: Officer	100.00		100.00
Service Center Mailings	90.00	(90.00)	0.00
C. DISTRICT A&MD	21,695.00	(21,695.00)	0.00
D. JURISDICTION A&MD (1% of Pledge)	2,400.00	(2,400.00)	0.00
E. SCHOOLS OF CHRISTIAN MISSION:			
1. West Gulf Regional	6,000.00	(5,870.24)	129.76
2. Louisiana Conference	12,000.00	(12,945.11)	(945.11)
F. PROGRAMS & EVENTS IN LA CONFERENCE			
1. Annual Meeting	1,500.00	(706.34)	793.66
2. DELT	2,500.00	(2478.65)	21.35
3. Retreat 2001	200.00	(000.00)	200.00
G. ATTENDANCE AT REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS:			
1. Assembly 2002 (Cumulative 4 Years)	2,300.00	(2,300.00)	0.00
2. Jurisdiction 2000 (Cumulative 4 Years)	600.00	(600.00)	0.00
3. National Seminar 2003 (Cumulative 4 Years)	300.00	(300.00)	0.00
H. OPERATING EXPENSES:			
1. Conference Directory	2,000.00	(2,060.60)	(60.60)
2. Newsletter (Including Bulk Postage)	7,000.00	(6,924.19)	75.81
3. Postage	500.00	(378.24)	121.76
4. Office Supplies & Printing (Copying)	850.00	(263.69)	586.31
5. Telephone	200.00	(35.39)	164.61
6. Audit for 1998	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	0.00
7. Honors and Memorials	400.00	(460.00)	(60.00)
8. Dependent Care Subsidy	100.00		100.00
I. CHURCH WOMEN UNITED	<u>300.00</u>	<u>(300.00)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>68,035.00</u>	<u>(65,596.34)</u>	<u>2,438.66</u>

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	Mission Funds Undesignated (Conf A&MD)	Reserve Funds Designated By Conf Exec	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Cash in Checking Account				
Exchange Bank - Natchitoches	7,352.38			
Hibernia Bank - Plain Dealing	25,000.00			32,352.38
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				
Restricted Funds (By Donor for Within Conference)				
1. Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund			496.50	496.50
Reserve Funds				
(Designated by Conference Executive)				
1. 2002 National Assembly (Cum. 4 Yrs.)		4,600.00		
2. 2003 National Seminar (Cum. 4 Yrs.)		300.00		
3. 2004 Jurisdiction Meeting (Cum. 4 Yrs.)		<u>00.00</u>		
		4,900.00		4,900.00
Mission Funds (Undesignated - A&MD)				
1. A&MD Funds Held in Reserve For:				
2000 A&MD Gifts + 2000 Interest	6,217.12			
2. A&MD Funds Retained for 1 st Qtr.	20,738.76			
3. Other Funds to Be Disbursed/Remitted:	<u>00.00</u>			
	26,955.88			<u>26,955.88</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				32,352.38

EXPENSE GUIDELINES
Louisiana Conference Executive Committee
(Amended 9/15/95)

United Methodist Women recognize the need to be an inclusive group and to have elected leaders who represent a diversity of age, race, economic background, and status of employment. To make this possible, a Budget for Conference Administration and Membership Development is approved annually to provide expenses for those chosen to serve in leadership positions. The following guidelines for reimbursement (along with the Conference Budget) seek to expand the concept of what it means to be in mission.

Expense vouchers are available from the conference treasurer and **must be filled out in full** when applying for reimbursement and submitted to the conference treasurer and approved by the conference president and secretary. Expenses for specific meetings should be turned in at the close of that meeting, if possible, or not later than the next week. Expense vouchers should be submitted within the quarter which the expense occurs when possible. **All possible receipts must be attached to expense vouchers.**

Leaders are advised to submit all legitimate expenses for doing their job well. If someone cares to donate supplies or services which normally would be covered under these guidelines, please submit a voucher for those charges and then endorse the check (or refund part of it) directly to the conference treasurer.

Conference officers are asked to pay their own registration fees to Conference events without reimbursement. They are often expected to pay their own room, meal, and travel expenses and then submit the receipt(s) with a voucher applying for reimbursement. If this arrangement causes personal hardship, a cash advance to cover expected costs may be requested from the conference treasurer.

Every call, letter or written announcement of upcoming events requiring "official participation" of conference leaders shall mention further specific plans for financial arrangement(s) not delineated herein (such as whether the individual leaders will pay or sign for meals and lodging).

The following limitations should be noted:

A. Travel Expenses

1. **Thirteen (13) cents per mile shall be allowed for travel by car.** When a minimum 10-seat van is occupied by at least six (6) or more people in a car pool, mileage will be paid at a flat rate of twenty-five (25) cents per mile.

To encourage car pooling, officers will be paid an **additional two (2) cents per mile for each additional rider in a car or mini-van.** When district and conference

Travel Expenses (Continued)

officers travel together with expenses provided expenses provided by their respective organizations, they shall submit pro rata shares of the expenses of these groups. Riders other than district and conference officers must assume their share of the expense.

2. Lodging may be reimbursed at a rate **up to \$10.00 per person per day.**
3. Meals may be reimbursed at a rate **up to \$12.50 per person per day** (to be divided between meals as desired). Meals for events that are **less than one day** will be reimbursed at a rate **up to \$2.50** for breakfast, **\$5.50** for lunch, and **\$7.00** for dinner.

B. Officers Resources

Materials which are necessary for information and execution of your job (such as Service Center publications) may be purchased and become the property of the Conference organization. Most of these materials should be maintained in the files you keep and pass on to successors. Utmost care should be taken that we do not needlessly duplicate materials which cover overlapping concerns of other leaders.

C. Operating Expenses

Postage, office supplies, copy charges, long distance telephone charges, and other miscellaneous charges are allowable. Receipts for these expenses are to be attached to the voucher. The use of professional secretarial services and large numbers of xerox copies are discouraged; and prior approval is required for these expenses.

D. Dependent Care Subsidy

A Dependent Care Subsidy plan was adopted April 25, 1992. When a member of the Conference Executive Committee (elected or appointed) is required to attend Annual Meeting, Conference School of Christian Mission, Regional School of Christian Mission, Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting, District Elected Leaders Training, or a Women's Division Workshop, she **MAY** be paid a Dependent Care Subsidy up to \$30.00 per day for hired care required for children 12 years of age or under/or for an invalid (ill, handicapped, blind) parent/spouse/or other dependent person residing in her home -- providing this is an absolute necessity and that no other family member or friend is available to do this for her.

The minutes of the post-executive committee meeting for 1999 were inadvertently left out of the Annual Report for 2000.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
POST-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 25, 1999

Following the Service of Holy Communion the Executive Committee, which included both out-going and in-coming officers and district presidents, met for lunch. President Elouise Sanders opened the meeting with a blessing and prayer and introduced the new members to the group. She distributed the lists of officers and calendars for the new year, 2000. The members were dismissed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carolyn Colvin".

Carolyn Colvin, Secretary

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 4 -5, 2000
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women was called to order at 7 p.m., Friday, February 4, 2000, by President Elouise Sanders

DEVOTIONAL: Evelyn Evans led a meditation concerning prayer based on the book The Cup of Life by Joyce Rupp. She showed the group a mug to remind us of our spiritual thirst. Many of us have a special cup with a special shape, color, size. All we need to do with our spiritual cup is ask and God will fill it with our needs -peace, justice, wisdom, willingness to hear God's voice. Our cup may also need emptying to get rid of negatives in our live. Like us some cups are cracked or broken, at times. Sometimes we want to throw out broken cups and people rather than mend them. All cups have a rim -circular , without beginning or end. May our cups be filled this weekend. Evelyn closed the meditation by having the group sing "Fill My Cup, Lord" followed by prayer .

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Shirley Jacocks' and Mary Lou Blakeman's brother died. Annette Fortuna's father-in-law was very ill and was to be removed from life-support that weekend. Violet Mellinger, a former Shreveport District officer, died and her funeral was to be Saturday.

ATTENDANCE: Members present were:

Elouise Sanders	Harriette Elrod	Fannie P. Reddix	Ethel Lilly
Jane Eubanks	Kitty DeFreese	Jeri Dommert	Frances Patton
Brenda Canty	Lana Lathan	Norma Winegeart	Seola Callahan
Evelyn Evans	Carolyn Colvin	Lou Medlock	Jo Traweek
Janet Ward	Angelique White	Kathleen Comad	Nancy Carruth
Kathleen Phillips	Rita Parham	Nan Bland	Jeanne Green
Doris Brown			

Members of the Committee on Nominations present were:

Helen Green	Betty Tripp	Nell Hayes	Jean Cadenhead
Dot Moss	Jean Williams	Delma Baker	

Also present was Sue C. Johnson from Women's Division.

Absent were Alice Irving and Shirley Jacocks.

APPOINTED TO REVIEW MINUTES: Jo Traweek and Lou Medlock were appointed to review the minutes.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Prior to the reports from officers President Sanders responded to a question that had arisen during District Elected Leaders Training regarding whether or not District Presidents were automatically delegates to Annual Conference. After discussing

this with her District Superintendent, Elouise said that the District Committee on Nominations or the Superintendent usually appointed the UMW District Presidents as delegates, but it is not mandatory .

Secretary: Carolyn Colvin reported that the Directory and Annual Report are ready and will be distributed tomorrow. The Journal of the Annual Meeting was not mailed out; so members were asked to read over the report and note any corrections or additions and it would be approved the next day.

Leadership Training Event: Helen Green reported that she enjoyed the event and learned a great deal about UMW and its scope.

President: It seems like such a short time since we were all together at Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge last September .

In October, I attended a Board Meeting of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston and a meeting of the Conference Board of Laity at the Conference Center. We all attended District Elected Leaders Training (DEL T) with Rita as chainnan and Brenda as assistant. It was a very well planned and informative meeting. Our thanks to Rita and Brenda. Several districts held their Annual Meetings in October and I went to the Annual Meeting in the Ruston District.

In November, I was privileged to attend and speak at the North Shore District Annual Meeting. I enjoyed being with them and hearing about the things they are doing to promote mission. On November 13, 1999, I was back at the Conference Center for a meeting of the School Committee. Rita will bring us a progress report on that meeting later.

December was a quiet month with few meetings and time to spend with family and friends and most of all a time to celebrate the birth of our Saviour .

Even with all the dire predictions, January came in quietly with no Y -2K problems. Meetings resumed and I attended a Standing Rules Committee Meeting in Shreveport, and an Annual Meeting Task Force Meeting in Lake Charles.

January means UMW Sunday celebrations and I was honored to speak at First United Methodist Church in Natchitoches. Evelyn is a wonderful hostess. January came in quietly, but went out with a bang with an ice storm and no electricity .

As I reflect back over the last four months, I am made aware of what a great joy and privilege it is to serve as an officer of United Methodist Women

Vice President: As Program Chair Harriette Elrod expressed appreciation to Betty Pope, Rita Parham and Cooky Coffey for successful local planning for the Conference Annual Meeting; to Rita Parham and Brenda Canty for a very successful DELT; to Rita as School Dean for the well planned and executed session in which she again exhibited her skills for organizing and communicating; to Jeri Dommert for a well prepared Task Force for Annual Meeting in which exciting ideas were proposed in a prayerful and spiritual attitude which left all full of grace and peace; and to the Executive Committee for the opportunities afforded by serving as Vice President.

Harriette presented the names of Maxie Garrett and Kathleen Conrad as leaders for the Retreat to be held April 6 -8, 2001. Rita Parham moved to approve these women and Fannie Reddix seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Evelyn Evans reported that if the rate of giving in 2000 does not increase over 1999 we again will not meet our Conference pledge. Two requirements which she outlined for increasing our giving are **education** and **motivation**. The programs supported by pledges to Women's Division depend on Undesignated Giving which means that the money given no strings attached is to be used to support **ALL** programs, not just favorites. Last year more than \$40,000 was given "designated" in Louisiana Conference which, if added to the Undesignated monies would have meant that the pledge was

met. Education can help this, but motivation is also needed and this is a job for the entire Mission Team. Evelyn asked that the Team pray and tell the story.

Evelyn reported that the Women ' s Division meeting she attended in October in Boston was superb, as were the directors. They were not "rubber stamps", but questioned items presented, prayed, and questioned some more. She attended the meeting of the Section on Finance. Other sections meeting were Christian Social Relations and Membership and Organization Development.

Evelyn and Frances Patton attended the Mission Alive meeting at Scarritt-Bennett for Treasurers and Coordinators of Education and Interpretation.

West Gulf Regional School: Brenda Canty announced that registration forms were in and should be returned to Evelyn Evans by April 11. Elouise Sanders read a letter from Idalia Edwards, Chair of the Committee on Nominations for the West Gulf Regional School, requesting two nominees for the Committee who fulfilled stated guidelines for qualification including tenure and diversity. **Jeroldean Dommert nominated Carolyn Colvin and Nancy Carruth nominated Angelique White. As there were no further nominations. Elouise declared these two elected by acclamation.**

Dean, School of Christian Mission: Rita Parham thanked the group for sending her and Assistant Dean, Frances Patton to the training at Scarritt-Bennett. Among the items of information she brought back were:

- * "Breath prayers" which she said she had now failed twice, but was catching on.
- * Mary K. Short of the Service Center said that the Service Center's primary contact with the conference would be with the Secretary of Program Resources. Large orders will need to be placed six weeks before needed.
- * Sexual misconduct is a topic that the School Committee needs to be aware of and which needs to be addressed in order to keep school participants safe.
- * In the Open Forum conferences shared ideas including celebrations such as one for children, mission fair, promotion of school.
- * The closing worship service was the highlight of the meeting.

Next Rita presented each member with a School packet including:

- ❖ a letter from "Paul" giving information about the school's time, place, theme, and study titles; a list of the personnel and their addresses; textbook titles; learning center; a promotional sheet.
- ❖ a report from Pat Cobb, Dean of the 1999 School listing "firsts", attendance, and a list of suggestions for improvement.
- ❖ a financial report for the 1999 School.
- ❖ the guidelines for the School.
- ❖ committee assignments, responsibilities and time line.
- ❖ the Newsletter from 1999 and responsibilities of the committee for this year's edition.

A discussion of eligibility for Estelle Dameron Scholarships followed as to whether "first-timers" could have attended a school in another conference. **Jeri Dommert moved that first-timers be limited to women who have never attended a School of Christian Mission anywhere. Motion was seconded and passed.**

- Rita asked Evelyn Evans to report the costs of the School to participants. The costs were:
 - for tuition (included in cost of room and board) \$ 15
 - for room and board with 4 per room \$110, 3 per room \$130, 2 per room \$155
 - children's costs have not yet been decided.

District Elected Leaders Training: Rita Parham, Chair, announced that Muriel Miller would be Assistant Chair. A packet of information held the following:

~ flyers with the theme "Leadership Celebration: Let the New Millennium Begin", date -Saturday, October 21,2000, and times -9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.

~ a summary sheet of the evaluation results from the 1999 DELT which showed results from 60 evaluations from 82 participants. Most rated the items listed (registration, opening, officers' training, lunch team training, and overall) as excellent or good with no more than two in any of the fair or poor categories. Also on this sheet were "likes and don't likes" and recommendations.

10 Minute Break

Evelyn Evans announced that there was a choice to be made for the School of Christian Mission,2001. Two available dates were July 10- 13 or July 31- August 3,2001. The group decided that July 10- 13 would be best. The calendar would be set thus:

2001

February 23 -24 Midyear

April 6 -8 Retreat

July 10- 13 School of Christian Mission

October 13 DELT

2002

February 8 -9 Midyear

July 24 -28 School of Christian Mission

October 12 DELT

Task Force for 2000 Annual Meeting: Jeroldean Dommert reported that on January 15 the Task Force met in Lake Charles to plan the September meeting at First UMC in Lake Charles. The following plans were adopted:

Theme: "Let God's Light Shine from Earthen Vessels"

Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Scripture: II Corinthians 4:6 - 7

Rationale: We carry into this new millennium an old story , interpreted in new - ways. The earthen vessel, whether symbolizing the messenger or the means of spreading the story , must be the means of carrying the Gospel to the future and, since it is always imperfect, needs updating and rebuilding. There is no reason for the people of God to lose focus because of a few cracked pots. One of three possible suggested speakers had been contacted and was checking her schedule. There would be a banquet on Friday evening followed by the evening program. The Thursday evening executive meeting would be hosted by the St. Luke's UMW. The host UMW had already done an amazing job of early organization and planning. Jeri said she and Assistant Chair Joyce Hazel were privileged to work with the wonderful people of the Task Force.

Mission Coordinators:

Spiritual Growth: Lou Medlock said that at DELT seven district coordinators and one treasurer shared experiences of their district and their comfortable or uncomfortable responsibilities and received folders of materials. Call to Prayer and Self Denial packets had been mailed. Lou attended the Monroe District LELT.

Social Action: Ethel Lilly reported attending/participating in:

*several Shreveport District Meetings

*Shreveport LELT

*Conference Standing Rules Committee in Norma Winegeart's lovely home

- *led the study "Mission in the 21 st Century" for the combined units of Mt. Zion (Logansport), Shady Grove (Mansfield), and Wesley (Mansfield)
- *mailed Updates from Women ' s Division to counterparts
- *monitoring news media for Women ' s Division.

Education and Interpretation: Coordinator Frances Patton' s activities included:

- *DELT -leading training and sending follow-up letters
- *Presented a study at the Alexandria District Mini-School
- *New study report forms were given out at DELT
- *Mission Alive Event at Scarritt-Bennett
- *Presented "Mission in the 21st Century" study in her local unit
- *Presented Mission Today material to her unit.
- *Helped with UMW Sunday program

Membership Nurture and Outreach: Brenda Canty gave her report about the week long National Seminar at Scarritt-Bennett earlier. The Conference Action Plan formed at the seminar for the conference to organize workshops or listening posts was proposed as follows:

- ☞ to educate and monitor a plan for inclusiveness
- ☞ to provide information for reporting websites discriminatory against children and youth, special needs groups, and targeted ethnic groups.
- ☞ to provide information on public education reform and special education inclusion

Brenda's activities included participating in the 1999 Annual Meeting, serving as Recording Secretary for the Task Force for the meeting, co-chair of DELT, training her counterparts, planning Laity Sunday program for her church, attended West Gulf Regional School Planning Team Training at Scarritt-Bennett (Brenda is the Assistant Dean of the 2000 School), and spoke at Neely UMC's UMW Sunday.

Brenda presented the following update of membership:

1. Total emphasis to be given to 95- 99% visitation of all local units over an 18 month period, a district and conference effort.
2. An earlier Estelle Dameron Scholarship deadline so that recipients could be featured in the May Newsletter .
3. Establishment of an Alumni Association of Estelle Dameron Scholarship recipients to encourage more donations.

Committee on Nominations: Fannie Reddix thanked the Committee members for their hard work as well as their prayers and support for her following the death of Fannie's sister on November 9. She reported the following:

- ◇ DELT was wonderful with only one absentee. Fannie also attended the New Orleans District Annual Meeting and LELT and the mission trip to MacDonell Children's Facility.
- ◇ Fannie serves as her unit Vice-President and looks forward to the Quadrennial Meeting in Tulsa.

The tenure report was passed to members so that conference officers could check her record. The Committee on Nominations was scheduled to meet on April 1, 2000.

Elouise Sanders announced that the conference delegates would be unable to go on any of the field trips at the Quadrennial Meeting because of a conflicting training session. Carolyn Colvin announced that the registrar had

told her that there were more than 1000 women who have registered for the meeting. Evelyn Evans asked if the Louisiana Conference money for the meeting were to be spent entirely on delegates' expenses or if it were to be divided among all officers attending. Sue Johnson said that delegates' expenses were to be covered first and if there were money left over after these expenses, it would be discretionary .

Historian: Seola Callahan asked for help from persons in charge of conference events to see that documents such as programs and publicity about the events are given to her to file including photos with identification and newspaper clippings. District newsletters also were needed. She thanked Brenda Canty for the birthday calendar. During this term Seola's hopes included completing guidelines for the Historian, cataloging closet contents, and making a list of all Conference Presidents and their dates of tenure. She also reminded members to save Campbell soup labels and Christmas cards for MacDonell's.

Editor: Nancy Carruth told the members of the tragic death of the son of the printer of our Newsletter. The son was married on December 23 and was in Cancun on his honeymoon when he had a fatal water-skiing accident. Some district mailing labels were so late it cost extra postage to mail the Newsletters. Nancy said the deadline for the next Newsletter would be March 1 and the Annual Meeting material would be due July 1.

Elouise Sanders announced she had application forms for the second consultative groups for teen and college women. The positions were to be selected from 5 jurisdictions with three teen women ages 12- 17 in grades 6- 12 and three college women ages 18- 25 enrolled in college or university or vocational training. All must be members of United Methodist Women. The next meeting was to be in December with expenses paid by Women's Division. Also Elouise had application forms for Brighter Future for Children and Youth with criteria for funding.

Angelique White gave district presidents each district's assignment for School of Christian Mission display.

Adjournment: President Elouise Sanders adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 6, 2000, 8:20 a.m.

Attendance: Those present were the same as on the previous evening except that Brenda Canty had to leave.

Devotional: Frances Patton led the worship time with thoughts about prayer. Prayer is communication with God, as communication is the means of any relationship, and should be a 50/50 proposition with the person praying listening as much as talking. Usually this is not true as very little time is spent listening. The busier we are the more time we need to spend in prayer. An ancient Jewish tradition says early morning prayer is best but this may not be true for everyone. Jesus taught that prayer is not a ritual or a chore, but is communication with God. Jesus gave us the Lord's prayer which is meant to be used with our own prayers. She concluded with a litany on the Lord's prayer written by Idella Stevenson of Acadiana District, which is attached to this report.

Women's Division: Sue C. Johnson, Executive Secretary of Leadership Education, spoke to the group regarding the district visitation program. Sue told of her 84 -year - old mother, who in the fall had a severe case of shingles and also has macular degeneration, and how she had had to look to Sue for viability as a person since these changes. When we go into local churches, we have to relate to the people we visit despite our differences. We have to rebuild ties in spite of

differences. Possibly our commonality can be found in our love for and work with women and children. This can possibly best be done through visitation. Before 1964 Women's Division missionaries and deaconesses visited local units and brought to the local women a picture of the world and the connectional system and made them feel a part of the total organization.

We need to reestablish this feeling. Some ideas for team building would be:

- * to have two units of different ethnicity together
 - * using alums of the conference or district
 - * build funds for visitation into budget (mileage and materials)
 - * share resources -making displays and using them in a conference stockpile
 - * use trifold displays
 - * ADVERTISE UMW programs: Reading Program (bring books, book reviews) children 's programs
 - * laminate materials
 - * visualization has impact
 - * membership campaign -integrate with Mission Today, ages, different types of mission, Undesignated Giving, on-site work
 - * tell the excitement about district, conference and Women ' s Division work
 - * prepare -study ahead to have responses to questions asked -2 or 3 succinct sentences about programs with particular words to emphasize them
 - * to be invited -send a letter " A team is available; would you like them to visit you?" ; "I will be in you neighborhood and would like to tell you about -"; maybe have to go first just to visit but go again to give a program and then do a follow-up;
 - * Assembly literature that especially tells the story you want to promote -budget: "the cost of one cup of gourmet coffee will pay for _____ for children"; flyers; don't bring up Designated Giving but be prepared to answer any question someone may have -know ahead of time what you will say
 - * make calendars for individuals for the next couple of years and give them to members
- many have never done anything outside the local church and do not want to; trying to explain connectionalism can be exciting; wonderful writing coming out of West Africa; also women and bishops each area is unique and our interaction with local women -our stories -are important and fascinating; king cake would be a great beginning point.

Journal of the Annual Meeting: Elouise Sanders asked for additions and corrections to the Journal. Evelyn Evans referred to page 54 of the Annual Report and Directory. Elouise Sanders gave out the Special Mission Recognition Pins instead of Evelyn Evans. Also there was no mention of the Communion Service. These were to be included in the next minutes. Fannie Reddix moved the acceptance of the Journal with the corrections. Motion passed.

Secretary of Communications: Angelique White said she had contacted all of her counterparts and had made assignments of displays for the Conference School to the district presidents.

Committee on Standing Rules: Norma Winegeart said that the Committee had met in January and fomulated the changes (see attachment) which she distributed and read. Changes to the circulated list for the Standing Rules:

- * Clarification of the topic "Funds" showed that the editorial change listed under #4 would be added to #3. Subsequently #5 would be renumbered as #4.
- * "School of Christian Mission": #2 will be rewritten.

- * "Special Mission Recognitions, Gifts, Memorials": Under #2 add "within the conference" following "Retired missionaries and deaconesses"
- * "Nominating Procedures": to #3 add the words "as directors" after the words "Nominees and alternates". Add under #3 and #4: b. "Nominees shall be published in the Conference Newsletter."

For the Guidelines the circulated changes stand.

Norma moved the adoption of the revisions and Nancy Carruth seconded. Motion passed. Jo Traweek moved acceptance of the Guidelines with changes. Jeanne Green seconded. Motion passed.

South Central Jurisdiction Report: Kathleen Comad reported that faith in who God is and what he will do had rewarded the Jurisdiction Core Planning Group with the registration totals which had exceeded the goal of 1000 in 2000 to a near 1200 for the largest on record.

Phase I of Mission Today had been concluded and Phase II was to begin soon with newly elected Core Planning Group for which our former president Pat Cobb had nominated.

Kathleen expressed pleasure during her four year tenure in representing the conference and the jurisdiction in the first of 17 Mission Today presentations, National Seminar, and hands-on mission experiences, saying, "Tis grace hath brought me safe far and grace will lead me home. "

Women's Division: Doris Brown, Director, was pleased to have had the opportunity to national president Sarah Shingler during the Annual Meeting. She had attended the Women's Division Board Meeting, followed by two other meetings. One was the Regional School Planning Team and she was to be on the Upper Atlantic Regional School, followed by the meeting of the Investment Committee of the Finance Committee of which she is member. Also she had been to the committee for planning National Gathering for teen and college women. She urged the group to support this and possibly to have a scholarship for someone to attend. The registration was to be \$350 and take place the last week in December. Doris thanked the group for nominating her for a second term as Women's Division Director .

Shreveport District: Nan Bland reported that Shreveport District held its Annual Meeting at First UMC of Bossier on October 10 with Asbury serving as cohosts. Suggestions from evaluation sheets were incorporated in plans for the next meeting. Nan and Virginia McConnell participated in a program at Broadmoor, one of the district's larger, more active units.

Officers went to DELT in October and led LELT in November at FUMC Shreveport. At the December Executive Committee meeting the suggestion was made that the district have two local training sessions in different parts of the district to make attending more convenient so that possibly more people could attend. Getting evaluation reports from the units was "like pulling eye teeth", but by phoning and sending extra copies, most active units reported. Some weak links were found as well as some smaller units getting together to share programs. Nan would like to see more of that.

Ruston District: New president Kitty DeFreese said 16 units represented by 67 members attended the district fall meeting at Homer FUMC on October 30. Heather Putnam's message "Feed My Sheep" highlighted the meeting. After lunch an enthusiastic group stayed for LELT. In January and February units observed UMW Sunday and Call to Prayer. Spring meeting will be at Wesley Chapel UMC in Ruston on March 12. The Spiritual Retreat will be held April 29 at Caney Conference Center with Linda Shepherd speaking. Ruston District continues to strive to fulfill the PURPOSE of UMW.

New Orleans District: Jeanne Green said the District Annual Meeting at St. Luke Church combined with LELT for the first time resulted in 110 people attending, the largest attendance in many years. Twenty-three presidents were in their group and each received a packet including a leadership guide, calendar of report due dates, report forms, calendars of district and conference events, names and addresses of district officers and dates treasurers' reports were due.

A tour of MacDonell's Children's Services by chartered bus in December was highlighted by meeting with the director Gerald Bridges where cards were purchased and more was learned about the home. Three boxes of used cards and a check for \$1030 from the local units of the district were presented.

A new item on the District Team Meeting Agenda was a chat with the members of the host church. A Hands-On Mission Trip to the UMCOR depot at Sager Brown was to be held in April.

Units had been urged to increase pledges, become 5-Star Units, and participate in the Reading Program. Rayne Church had asked to be made inactive as they had only four members left. Jeanne was working with the president to try to reactivate the unit which will host the Mini School. Jeanne had plans to meet with several units to revitalize them.

North Shore: Jane Eubanks reported good attendance at all district functions. Elouise Sanders was the speaker at the Annual Meeting and also recognized retiring officers. LELT followed and got good evaluations. The only negative comments came from district officers who found preparing for two events at once to be difficult.

The district made the 1999 Pledge to Missions for the first time and had 100% reporting. Several units had started teen circles or including them in existing groups. The Mini School included children and teens with 22 attending and will be continued.

The new Communications Coordinator had put out a great Newsletter promoting the Mission Tour and the first District Scholarship to School of Christian Mission in honor of past president Gail Epperson.

Jane spoke at ESM Bogalusa for UMW Sunday, was to lead the Retreat, and planned to promote the quilt representing the twelve elected district offices.

Monroe District: President Jo Traweek presented a calendar of activities since September:

*September -Executive Committee Meeting and Conference Annual meeting. Sent letters to unit presidents to arrange for unit visits. Sent letters to pastor of churches with no UMW units asking for assistance in organizing units.

*October-Presided at the District Annual Meeting at Memorial UMC in Bastrop. Finished leading "The Bible Part I" at McGuire UMC. Attended DELT.

*November -Attended LELT at McGuire. Held Executive Committee Meeting following LELT. Helped with Bake Sale Fund Raiser at McGuire.

*December -Assisted with buying and wrapping clothes and toys for children in Child Protection.

*January - Filled pulpits at Rayville on the 23rd and Oak Grove on the 30th along with several other officers on UMW Sunday.

*February - Attended Mid-year Conference Executive Committee Meeting. Compiled the District President's Report of unit evaluations.

Lake Charles District: Jeroldean Dommert reported that Lake Charles Team members attended DELT and then presented LELT on October 30 at Leesville UMC following the District Annual Meeting which was hosted by Leesville UMC. Hilda Davis' program included the skit on membership from School of Christian Mission which got many laughs. Norma Winegeart spoke and Ms. Prelipp, a Leesville member, gave special music. Good reports from all officers included 97 reading certificates, 13 certificates of excellence and participation of studies, and four 20/20 Charter Certificates.

Treasurer Pat Davis reported that by the end of the year the pledge of \$42,000 was met with 28 of the 32 units making substantial payments.

The team met on January 20 to set up calendar, goals, and Mission Today plans. UMW Sunday was celebrated in many churches. Jeri spoke at Welsh on the 23rd.

Baton Rouge District: Lana Lathan, new district president, reported that the district enjoyed some "R & R" following the annual meeting in Baton Rouge in September. However the district remained on the job through many contacts by phone, meetings, District Annual Meeting, LELT, and UMW Sunday.

Eleven officers attended DELT and some had their first chance to meet each other. The combined District Annual Meeting and LELT at Ingleside UMC featured Carolyn Dove as speaker and had a total of 91 attendance.

All officers attended the district officers' meeting on January 8 as well as past president Betty Pope and conference officers Rita Parham and Brenda Canty. The following plans and accomplishments were noted:

* "Shepherding" emphasis was to be initiated with officers divided into teams and assigned contacts. A consultant will assist each team and each officer was provided a folder with local counterparts, conference and jurisdiction events, and guidelines and action plans for visitation, recruitment and retainment efforts (attached to report).

*Over 850 ribbons were purchased for UMW Sunday. A total of \$1,583.27 was contributed by 21 units for the Mission Candle. Nineteen units received Five-Star Giving awards.

*Six officers spoke at UMW Sunday services.

* A list of Reading Program selections found in the local library led to 13 units participating with 89 readers and 425 books read.

*The district retreat had been planned for April 15 with the theme "The Great Fellowship: Walking in the Spirit" at the Waddell Wildlife Center.

*Seven units received Achievement Awards and four nominations were received for the Woman in Mission Award for the district.

*Lutcher Chapel was to host the Mini School on August 5, a result of successful shepherding efforts.

Alexandria District: President Janet Ward reported good attendance at the combined Mini School and District Annual Meeting with Frances Patton and Jean Elliot teaching the studies. LELT was held at Pineville FUMC and Joanne White spoke about the programs at St. Mark's which was the district mission emphasis for the year. Local unit presidents were invited to help setting the agenda for the year at the first executive meeting in January.

February 26 was set for Celebration III -hymn singing, fellowship, and observing Jesus' birth. March was set to plan implementing "Mission Today". A retreat with Lake Charles district was announced for April 29 at Uskichitto. Janet spoke at UMW Sunday celebration at Glenmora FUMC.

Acadiana District: This was the first time for a combined District Meeting and LEL T according to President Kathleen Phillips. Laura Brown, District Missioner, was the speaker. After a "working lunch" was held for LEL T with each officer presenting her material to the entire group, officers and members. Acadiana again met its Pledge to Mission. An executive board meeting in January produced ideas for the Mission Today concept. All three district functions were planned to be held at Baldwin at Trinity UMC or Sager-Brown.

Closing Remarks: Elouise Sanders thanked the district presidents for their hard work and good reports. She also asked the members of the Committee on Nominations to stand and be recognized.


Rita Parham gave each person a paper cup with a piece of ivy in it to nurture and grow until School of Christian Missions when members were to bring it back in a pretty container to use in the worship center. She asked for a volunteer to make paper flower costumes for the children to wear in a skit.

Carolyn Colvin asked district presidents to pick up the directories for each district from Jeroldean Dommert and Jane Eubanks.

Jane Eubanks suggested that calendars appropriate for children be provided for the World Thank Offering. Evelyn Evans said she would prepare these.

Adjournment: Elouise Sanders adjourned the meeting after a closing prayer and blessing for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEADER: Our Father in heaven

ALL: A real person, who cares for us and loves us, living higher than I am and understanding more than I do.

LEADER: Hallowed be thy name

ALL: We honor and praise your holy name.

LEADER: Thy kingdom come

ALL: Yes, come quickly, Lord Jesus live in our lives.

LEADER: Thy will be done

ALL: You always know what is best for us.

LEADER: On earth as it is in heaven

ALL: As you always have and always will.

LEADER: Give us this day our daily bread

ALL: You have always seen to our needs.

LEADER: And forgive us our sins

ALL: In the name of Christ.

LEADER: As we forgive those who have sinned against us.

ALL: Seventy times seven, Lord?

LEADER: And lead us not into temptation

ALL: Give us the strength to cope with life.

LEADER: But deliver us from evil

ALL: When we fall, you are always there.

LEADER: For Thine is the kingdom

ALL: In which we share.

LEADER: And the power

ALL: Greater than anything we have ever known.

LEADER: And the glory.

ALL: Brighter than the sun.

LEADER: Forever.

ALL: For all times to come.

ALL: Amen

By Idella Stevenson, Acadiana District at DELT, 1999

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
July 17, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER: President Elouise Sanders called the meeting to order at the Louisiana United Methodist Conference Center at Woodworth at 7:25 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Members present were:

Elouise Sanders	Rita Parham	Harriette Elrod	Carolyn Colvin
Frances Patton	Brenda Canty	Angelique White	Kathleen Phillips
Jane Eubanks	Shirley Jacocks	Jo Traweek	Janet Ward
Ethel Lilly	Lou Medlock	Nan Bland	Evelyn Evans
Kitty DeFreese	Muriel Miller	Fannie Reddix	Lana Lathan
Pat Cobb	Jeanne Green	Seola Callahan	Norma Winegeart

Absent were: Nancy Carruth, Jeroldean Dommert, and Doris Brown.

DEVOTIONAL: Jane Eubanks gave the devotional based on II Corinthians 9:6 speaking of new beginnings and sowing bountifully and joyfully. We celebrate rites of passage such as the youngest child beginning kindergarten, confirmation, graduation, marriage, birth and baptism, death, retirement, and a new house. As we age we experience the loss of many things and people. Simeon and Anna were very old but they were the only ones who recognized the Savior in the infant Jesus. But we become more aware of the reality of resurrection when we encounter the successful recovery of many through 12-step programs and when we ourselves die in some way and Jesus accomplishes our resurrection. Jane closed with the reading of "This Is the Day of New Beginnings."

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Harriette Elrod said that her daughter Ida was doing very well after facing death twice in the last few months.

APPOINTMENT TO REVIEW THE MINUTES: Lana Lathan and Jeanne Green were appointed by Elouise Sanders to review the minutes of this meeting.

ATTENDANCE AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A list was passed to be signed for attendance. **The minutes of Mid-year, on a motion by Jeanne Green, were approved as circulated.**

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: It has only been a few short months since Mid-Year Meeting, but as I looked over my calendar, I discovered I had participated in several important events.

On February 17, 2000, I attended the Louisiana Conference Nominations Committee meeting at the Conference office in Baton Rouge. This is one of the committees that the President of UMW is a member of by virtue of the office.

March 17-19 was the United Methodist Women's South Central Jurisdiction Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This was a new experience for me and I enjoyed participating in the various activities. We were disappointed that Doris Brown was not reelected to the Women's Division; but she is an alternate and may have the opportunity to serve. We are proud of Doris and her years of service on the Women's Division. We also thank Kathleen

Conrad for her years of service on the South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group. Pat Cobb is the new representative from the Louisiana Conference. The outstanding event at this conference was the pageant presented by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

In early May, Kitty DeFreese, Evelyn Evans and I got together draw up a proposed plan for Mission Today for the Louisiana Conference. A copy was mailed to all of you and will be discussed later in this Meeting.

June is the month for the Louisiana Annual Conference. I was privileged to present the UMW Special Mission Recognition Pin to Bishop Solomon during the Laity Hour on Monday Morning. On Monday Afternoon, I gave the UMW report at the Laity session. The Louisiana Conference Mission Team was on the road again in June to attend the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission at McMurry State University in Abilene, Texas. It was a great few days spent in studying, playing, eating, participating in plenaries, riding in golf carts and being in fellowship with United Methodist Women from across the South Central Jurisdiction.

Congratulations to Brenda Canty who will serve as Dean of the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission in 2000, and to Carolyn Colvin who was elected to serve on the Committee on Nominations.

The last event I attended was the retirement celebration for Bishop and Joy Solomon. It was a great celebration.

Add to all these meetings teaching some studies, meeting with the Board of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, and attending a Retreat, it has been a busy few months.

As I was writing this report, I was reminded that we attend meetings and do all these things, but that is not the heart and soul of United Methodist Women. Our real mission is to be the hands and feet of God, and to be in his service in a hurting world. Thanks to all of you for all that you do to be in mission.

VICE PRESIDENT: Harriette Elrod expressed her gratitude for the joy of service to our mission, especially in the form of representing the team at meetings which gave her opportunities for growth and witnessing. She deeply appreciated the support as fellow members carried on preparations for her during her daughter's illness.

The Jurisdiction Quadrennial moved her particularly during the presentation of the story of the "Trail of Tears" which she had taught for years. She added that we are fed as we attempt to "feed God's sheep."

SECRETARY: Carolyn Colvin presented the goals for 2001 which were the same as the goals for 2000 with the following changes:

a. the date was changed from 2000 to 2001;

b. goal #6 was added as follows: We will encourage all local units to become Mission Today Units by asking all districts to conduct Mission Today Workshops by January 2002.

Angelique White moved the acceptance of these goals for presentation for vote at the Conference Annual Meeting. Jo Traweek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER: Evelyn Evans reported that her husband was doing well and had only one more week of chemotherapy at the end of the month and he would be through. Evelyn presented the Financial Report showing \$49,826.73 on hand July 17, 2000 and the 2001 Budget which at \$307,645 was a little less than the 2000 Budget. The A & MD budget was a little larger but DELT and office supplies were cut a little. Evelyn moved the acceptance of the budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting for adoption. Motion passed.

MISSION COORDINATORS:

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH: Brenda Canty announced that Shreveport District had issued a Reorganization Certificate to a local unit. With 91% of the units reporting, an increase of 36 members was shown in 1999 for a total of 9,966. Two critical goals were to organize a unit of UMW in every church and achieve 100% reporting.

Visitation report forms were sent to each District MNO. Visitation should involve district and conference team members to visit all units in every district.

This year eight nominees for Conference Woman in Mission were received compared with only four last year. Other statistics showed that seven women received Estelle Dameron Scholarships and 178 out of 271 units in eight of the nine districts reported observing UMW Sunday.

TASK GROUP ON ANNUAL MEETING: Jeroldean Dommert could not be at the meeting but sent her report as chair of the Task Group. The theme for the meeting, to be held in Lake Charles on September 15 and 16, would be "Let God's Light Shine from Earthen Vessels." Much work had already been done and the program books would be prepared as soon as all information came in. Tamara deGraffenreid had volunteered to produce the programs using the equipment available at First Church where her husband was pastor.

Jeri added the note that Joyce Hazel was recuperating slowly from her recent surgery and was looking forward to less pain and more mobility following the proposed kidney transplant.

CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: Chair Fannie Reddix presented the following slate of nominees to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in September:

Vice President	Kathleen Conrad
Treasurer	Jeanette McCalman
Spiritual Growth	Lynn Foil
Chair, Committee on Nominations	Rita Parham
Members, Committee on Nominations	Rita Parham, Stephanae Carey
Members, Charter for Racial Justice Issues	Delma Baker, Claudia Hill, Frances Patton

Fannie began her report with praise and thanksgiving and a list of meetings she had attended which included the Annual Assembly of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference in Baton Rouge, the South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting in Tulsa, and Regional

School in Abilene, Texas. She thanked the Team for expressions of concern when she lost her last sister this spring. She said, "God has showered his blessings upon me and my family in the midst of tragedy."

At the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Fannie was presented the Sojourner Truth Award by the Committee on the Status and Role of Women, their highest honor.

CHAIR, DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING (DELT): This year's DELT with the theme "Leadership Celebration: Let the New Millennium Begin" would be held at the Conference Center on Saturday, October 21, 2000 according to Chair Rita Parham. Our Women's Division staff person, Sue Johnson, was planning to be with the group and present the afternoon session. Rita gave the District Presidents a form to report the names of all the members of the District Committees on Nominations and a form to collect the names of all the new elected leaders for each district.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Coordinators around the conference were communicating the mission and PURPOSE of UMW using newsletters, flyers, telephone, email, and formal letters. Goals for the Coordinators included displaying Newsletters at the Annual Meeting and/or School of Christian Mission, and adding a phrase or picture on the District Newsletters that symbolize each district.

Angelique White announced that she was a candidate for Deaconess and for her PhD.

The Directory for next year will include email and fax addresses.

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES: Shirley Jacocks said that the Resource Room would be open the following morning.

CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES AND GUIDELINES: Norma Winegeart said that the Standing Rules Committee met on January 7, 2000 to revise the report of the committee from the previous year. The recommended changes were presented at the Midyear Executive Committee meeting and approved. These changes would be in the Newsletter which would go out the following week and in the program book for the Annual Meeting. A copy of the changes is included as an attachment to these minutes.

Norma asked the committee to give direction as to what to do with the bedding and other materials which the Conference owned and was stored at Centenary College for use when the School of Christian Mission met there. **Janet Ward moved that Norma appoint a committee to dispose of it. Rita Parham seconded. Motion passed.**

Norma told the group that she followed the Jurisdictional meetings around the country and kept up with the election of the bishops. The new bishop of Louisiana Conference was William Hutchinson of Albuquerque and his wife was Kay. The couple's anniversary would be on August 30 and Norma had a card for all attending to sign to be sent to Mrs. Hutchinson.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ President Sanders said that the Program Committee had selected St. Timothy on the North Shore in Mandeville to be the site of the Annual Meeting scheduled for September 14 and 15, 2001.
- ❖ The Chair for the 2001 DELT would be Muriel Miller and Evelyn Evans would be her assistant.
- ❖ Elouise announced that the Conference for Teens and University Women application forms which she had were available and were due September 15. Kathleen Conrad had registered.
- ❖ Ron Fairly of the United Methodist Foundation had visited with Elouise and asked that he be invited to any UMW group to speak. He was not soliciting funds but simply wanted to get the word out about this means of investment.
- ❖ The committee was asked to make their own hotel reservations at the Best Western Richmond Suites in Lake Charles for Annual Meeting and the Conference would pay 1/4 of the rate directly to the members. More information would be in the Newsletter.
- ❖ Elouise asked that copies of the Mission Today plan be shared so that all could see one and told members to change the date under ACTION on the third page from January, 2001 to June, 2001 and to add the words "and district" following the words conference officers. She explained that the Women's Division guidelines had 18 points, seven of which were marked with an asterisk, and that to be a gold Mission Today unit required completion of twelve of these including four of the marked actions, and to be a silver unit eight of the marked actions were required including four of the marked actions were required. Elouise asked that these be promoted by all officers. The guidelines would be printed in the January Newsletter. The opening statement was revised to read "We commit to the following actions to promote social justice issues and education." **Kathleen Conrad moved that the Mission Today plan be adopted. Ethel Lilly seconded. Motion passed.**

CLOSING: Norma Winegeart closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Candace Caban, Secretary*

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 14, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER: After thanking the members of the local unit for their hospitality and delicious dinner, President Elouise Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's - Simpson United Methodist Church in Lake Charles.

ATTENDANCE: Members present were:

Elouise Sanders	Rita Parham	Harriette Elrod	Carolyn Colvin
Frances Patton	Brenda Canty	Angelique White	Kathleen Phillips
Jane Eubanks	Shirley Jacocks	Jo Traweek	Janet Ward
Ethel Lilly	Lou Medlock	Nan Bland	Evelyn Evans
Kitty DeFreese	Fannie Reddix	Lana Lathan	Pat Cobb
Jeanne Green	Seola Callahan	Norma Winegeart	Jeroldean Dommert
Joyce Hazel			

DEVOTIONAL: Evelyn Evans gave the devotional based on the book May I Have This Dance? She lifted some of the many images and functions of fire from scripture such as purification, denoting leadership, guidance, and baptism at Pentecost. True disciples must have fire in their hearts and keep it glowing by staying close to God and to others whose hearts are ablaze.

APPOINTMENT TO REVIEW THE MINUTES:

Jeri Dommert and Nell Hayes were appointed by Elouise Sanders to review the minutes of this meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

REPORTS:

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

SHREVEPORT: Nan Bland, President, announced that she would step down as president at the end of 2000 in order to adjust the rotation of the top four officers for the district, leaving at least two seasoned officers every year. Also leaving was Jeanette McCalman, treasurer, who would be the incoming Conference Treasurer.

On June 20, 2000, the Blanchard unit was reinstated to become the second unit reinstated in the district in three years, Pleasant Hill being the first.

Having visited with the Centenary College Wesley Foundation in the spring, Nan and Carolyn Colvin were joined by Vice President Annie Smith and Lee Ann Anglin of Broadmoor unit at the Centenary Organizations Fair to present the organization and obtain a list of potential members of a Centenary Unit. This would be the first college unit in Louisiana. Thirty seven students indicated that they would be "interested" or "might be interested" and a staff member said she would be willing to serve as sponsor. Plans were to have the first meeting before October.

Virginia McConnell, Membership Nurture and Outreach, continued visiting units accompanied by another district officer.

Two executive committee meetings for the year were scheduled at outlying churches with unit members attending.

Two Local Elected Leaders Trainings were scheduled to accommodate outlying areas in the hopes of reaching more officers.

Nan served as At Large delegate for Annual Conference. Bettye Moore, Social Action, organized ushers for the opening session.

RUSTON: Kitty DeFreese expressed her appreciation to Conference and District Team members for their encouragement during her first year as president.

The Spring Meeting at Wesley Chapel featured Betsy Teuton (daughter of Doug McGuire) as speaker. Book marks with Persons in Mission's names from the Prayer Calendar were given to everyone. After the storms devastated Caney Lake Camp in Minden, the Spring Spiritual Retreat was held at Trinity in Ruston with Rev. Linda Shepherd as leader.

Six members attended the Conference School of Christian Mission, and the MiniSchool at Farmerville was led by Elouise Sanders, Rev. Faye Barr-Hartung, and Kitty. Special guests were Rev. and Mrs. Jon Lord who have served several terms as persons in mission in Africa.

Other meetings for the district were at Springhill in April where Kitty led a study, at Gibsland - Oak Grove in June, and in Haynesville a tea. The Committee on Nominations had selected an outstanding slate of team members to be installed at the Annual Meeting/LELT in October.

NORTHSHORE: Retiring President Jane Eubanks reported speaking at Bogaloussa UMC for UMW Sunday, holding two executive meetings, three short district meetings, conducting several programs for the District Mission Team, leading the District Retreat at Hammond UMC, visiting Walker and Slidell. In Slidell four area units participated in a program led by eight Team Members. The form for arranging Mission Team Visits from the Workbook for Visitation Program helped get the Mission Team involved with local units.

The District's first Mission Tour for forty five members traveled to New Orleans to St. Mark's Community Center and the Methodist Home for Children. Plans were laid for combining the District Retreat and Mission Tour for 2001 to include an overnight workday at Sager-Brown and UMCOR Depot.

Eight members attended School of Christian Mission. Some first-timers used the Conference Estelle Dameron and District Gail Epperson Scholarships. One hundred twenty five attended the MiniSchool including twelve children and twelve youth.

The success of combining the District Annual Meeting and LELT led to continuing that format for the current year.

The district was looking forward to hosting the Annual Meeting in 2001. Members of St. Timothy on the North Shore were excited and already planning for this.

NEW ORLEANS: In an effort to improve communication with local units, Jeanne Green reported that the district team had met or held activities at both strong and faltering churches with positive results. Reporting had improved in the following: 18 Five Star units compared with 6 last year; 136 books read for the Reading Program versus 45; 10 Excellence of Studies certificates as compared with 5. A planned District-Wide Study for 2001 would involve more persons, it was hoped.

The Mini School at Rayne was attended by 45 persons with presenters Barbara Murray - Children of Africa, Greg Dike - Urban Studies, Barbara Hamilton - children's study, Robert Harrington - Corinthians, and Juanita Ivie giving the devotion and leading the singing accompanied by Barbara Murray. Meribel Molina Calvo was dean and Sybil Boseman was assistant dean. The District was still working on its quilt which a member of Munholland volunteered to put together.

The District sponsored workday at Sager Brown UMCOR Depot filled to the maximum that UMCOR would allow, with some applicants being refused because of the number.

Upcoming events being planned were the combined District Annual Meeting and LELT on October 28 at Cornerstone, and a Prayer Breakfast in December at Gretna. A monetary gift to People's Community Center would be collected from the district units.

Jeanne participated in a number of church organizations and attended the Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting at Tulsa where she led a skit concerning the St. Mark's jazz program as part of the Louisiana Mission Moment.

MONROE: President Jo Traweek outlined the district's activities since the last report:

1. 2/23 Mission Today visit to Sevier Memorial by Sandy Decelle, Floyce Meyer, and Jo.
2. 2/27 UMW Sunday at Bastrop with Jo Traweek as speaker.
3. 3/3 Church Women United World Day of Prayer.
4. 3/19 Mission Today visit to Mt. Olive by Marilyn Curtis, Karen Gray, Sandra Thomas, and Jo.
5. 4/13 Easter program "The Stations of the Cross" at McGuire by Carolyn Flowers and Jo.
6. 4/ A mission team of six spent a week at Dulac, McDonell School, and UMCOR.
7. Spring Retreat at Kalama nature preserve near Collinston planned by Karen Gray.
8. 5/2 Mission Today Visit to FUMC Bastrop by Jo.
9. 5/6 Silent Auction and Luncheon fund raiser at McGuire with Carolyn Flowers, Floyce Meyer and Jo participating in the planning and orchestration.
10. 5/16 Mission Today Visit to Wisner by Betty Anthony, Carolyn Flowers, and Jo.
11. 6/3 Executive Committee meeting to plan the district's Learning Center display for the Conference School of Christian Mission.
12. 6/15 Mission Today visit to Asbury, West Monroe by Floyce Meyer, Doret Wilson, and Jo
13. 6/10 Mission Today visit to Lea Joyner by Marilyn Curtis, George L. Roberson, Doret Wilson, and Jo.
14. 7/ School of Christian Mission where the district won the attendance banner.
15. 8/12 Mini School at Epps planned and presided over by Sandy Decelle.
16. 8/26 Study, *The Bible: the Book that Bridges the Millennia Part II* taught by Jo and Jean Elliot.
17. 9/2 Executive Committee meeting where teams of visitors for six more visits were scheduled for this fall.

The visits produced some positive feedback which indicated that they were sparking renewed interest in UMW in the churches.

LAKE CHARLES: Jeroldean Dommert, President, said that the district had been working tirelessly and lovingly toward the Annual Meeting, particularly the women of First UMC and St. Luke's. A special note of thanks went to St. Luke's for volunteering and doing a gracious job of the Thursday evening meal and to the women of FUMC for hosting the Annual Meeting. The first choice of a speaker agreed to come, Dr. Dana Robert.

Other activities included teaching studies in 16 units, many in joint ventures with local leaders and with Mary Ann Monk who taught Mission in the 21st Century and with Jeri who taught the study on aging.

The annual "Quiet Day" was shared with Alexandria District on April 29th with more than eighty women present. Betty Verret made Jeri's and Janet's picture and got it and an account of the day into THE REPORTER.

Mary Ann Monk directed the Mini School at Squyres-Ragley on August 27. Studies were presented by Clifton and Kathleen Conrad.

Taylor Phillips and the Committee on Nominations filled all offices on the team to be elected. Seola Callahan accepted the nomination for president.

Pat Davis reported that pledges and gifts were on schedule.

BATON ROUGE: President Lana Lathan quoted the By Laws in naming several of her appointments to positions with the church district "by virtue of..."

2/19 The second officers' meeting of the year was held at Broadmoor where the budget for 2001 was adopted, and emphasis and encouragement continued on the Mission Today focus. Shepherding teams of two, plus a consultant past district, conference or jurisdiction officer, were assigned twelve or thirteen churches which they will help complete the Mission Today goals.

4/15 The district retreat held at Waddill Wildlife Education Center was titled "Walking in the Spirit: the Great Fellowship" and a capacity crowd of 100 enjoyed music, youth talent, and Bible study.

5/12 A personal highlight was Lana's son Anthony's graduation from Southern University with Dr. Nelson Mandela as the commencement speaker. As a "UMW errand runner" Anthony is well known to many of the Baton Rouge officers.

6/16 -20 The West Gulf Regional School at McMurray University in Abilene, Texas was an enjoyable, enriching experience and brought a drought-ending rain and cool to the area.

6/23-24 Lana led the annual retreat for her local unit at the Conference Center with the theme "Too Blessed to Be Stressed".

8/5 The Mini-School at Lutcher followed the Conference School of Christian Mission in July. Team teaching was done by Rev. and Mrs. Van Stinson, Rev. and Mrs. James Haynes, and Rev. and Mr. Bill Strawbridge and was rated good to excellent.

The Mini-School served as a means of supporting the other unit at First UMC, Lutcher, which had informed the district that they would have to disband due to illness and deaths of members. The Lutcher unit would continue to offer support by extending invitations to share programs and studies.

Mission Today information had been shared through the newsletter and the district was aiming at 100% participation.

Five Star Giving awards were earned by seventeen units.

LELT had to be changed to November 4 because of a conflict with homecoming parades for Southern University which is directly across the street from the host church, Camphor. Dr. Rena Yocom was scheduled to speak.

ALEXANDRIA: According to Janet Ward, president, the district began the year with an executive committee meeting to plan for the new year.

Celebration III, held at the Conference Center on March 10, was led by Rev. Rena Yocom with fun, games, and fellowship observing Jesus' birthday.

A letter with a form requesting date and time for visitations by district officers to local units received ten replies which represented half of the units. The other half plus churches without units would be scheduled for next year.

A "Quiet Day" with the theme "Sharing the Word" held jointly with Lake Charles District at Uskichitto Retreat Center featured Judy and George Gross leading with music that "touched the soul".

June 24 was the date of a mission trip to the Children's Home in Ruston to learn about the Owl Wilderness Learning Center.

Plans were made to attend the Conference Annual Meeting. The District Annual Meeting was to be at Pineville FUMC on October 14 with Kathleen Conrad as speaker. This would be followed by the district MiniSchool after lunch. Leaders scheduled were Seola Callahan, Rev. Clifton Conrad, and Rev. Lysbeth Cockrell. Unfortunately this would conflict with the installation for Bishop Hutchison.

Also planned for 2001 was a labyrinth meditation in March and a mission trip to St. Mark's in New Orleans.

ACADIANA: A challenge from Rev. Curtiss Eden to witness our faith personally highlighted the district Day Apart, including ideas on how to approach others.

The August MiniSchool featured presenters from the district including Rev. Clifton Conrad who shared personal experiences from his recent trip to South Africa. Extended fellowship delayed the start but that is part of what we are about.

Again this year the district Annual Meeting would be combined with a "working lunch" for LELT.

"We end this year of 2000 with hopes and optimism that mission will flourish in our hearts and hands as we welcome the next millennium.

DEAN, SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION, 2000: Rita Parham distributed a booklet entitled "The Bountiful Sower" which included a report of attendance which totaled 198 and much information gleaned from evaluations. Much of the evaluation form concerned the study leaders, who received top marks in nearly all cases, as did the school in general. The booklet with complete evaluation information will be included with the minutes.

EDITOR, THE NEWSLETTER: Nancy Carruth reminded the district presidents that she needed the officer lists from the district secretaries by December 1 in order to get labels made in time for the January Newsletter. Again she brought to the attention of the group that she planned to resign from this position at the end of 2001.

HISTORIAN: Seola Callahan pointed out that the 2000 Annual Meeting was a day of new beginnings as UMW moved into the 21st Century on the historical base of women who joined together to make a difference in the world. This was a lot to live up to if their examples were followed. Asking if members knew where they were 10, 20, and 30 years ago, Seola reminded the group that 1970 saw the end of Conferences A and B. The 1979 meeting, held at FUMC in Shreveport celebrated 100 years as organized Methodist Women in Louisiana. (The Louisiana organization was formed in 1879 at the Baton Rouge home of Mrs. W. M. Reade.) At this meeting a Conference Committee member said, "There is no desire to return to the past. We look backward only to see the future clearly." And in 1990 the members were at First UMC in Monroe where Amy Ward was keynote speaker on the theme "Links to Mission" and \$315,000 was pledged to missions. Seola expressed her gratitude that "women along the way took time to gather information from pictures and newspaper articles to make scrapbooks so that we now can look back to see where we have been." She urged the group to be diligent in keeping records for posterity.

STANDING RULES AND GUIDELINES: Norma Winegeart presented the changes to be voted on at the meeting the next afternoon. These changes were printed in the program book which accompanies this report.

A special task which had been assigned to Norma was the disposal of the linens stored in a room on second floor of James Dormitory at Centenary. Patty Lindsey helped Norma pack the fifteen boxes and take them to Providence House in Shreveport, a transitional shelter for homeless families. Norma's son Gene and grandchildren Jordy and Addie also helped.

TREASURER: Evelyn Evans gave her final Financial Report and Third Quarter Report, copies attached. Evelyn's tenure would end this year.

DEDICATION OF THE 2001 DIRECTORY: Evelyn Evans, outgoing treasurer, was nominated by Norma Winegeart, seconded by Seola Callahan and unanimously selected as the woman to be honored by the dedication of the 2001 directory.

ADJOURNMENT: President Sanders adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Colvin, Secretary

**JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

First United Methodist Church

Lake Charles, Louisiana

September 15 and 16, 2000

Scripture: II Corinthians 4:6 - 7

Theme Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

CONVENING

Convening of the Meeting: After the Prelude, "Allegro", played by the church organist, Susan Arrington, the Conference Executive Committee, meeting personnel and District Presidents processed in with clay pots, made by Toni Yoder, with burning candles. President Elouise Sanders greeted the members and called on Virginia Cutrer, Lake Charles District Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach, to give the Invocation. Elouise convened the meeting at 1 p.m.

Affirming Our Purpose: Hilda Davis, Lake Charles District Vice President, led the group in reciting the **PURPOSE**.

Theme Hymn: The members sang the theme hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord", stanzas 1 and 2.

Welcomes: Welcomes were brought by:

- *Rev. Doug deGraffenried, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Lake Charles;
- *Dr. Doug Ezell, District Superintendent, Lake Charles District.
- *Jane Reynolds, President, First United Methodist UMW, Lake Charles;
- *Tammie Mayo, Chair, Local Arrangements and Housekeeping.

Recognition of Guests: President Sanders welcomed the following as guests: retired missionaries Doretha Brown and Juanita Ivie, and past Conference Presidents Janelle McCammon, Norma Winegeart, and Pat Cobb.

Presentation of the Program: Jeri Dommert used an analogy between clay pots and people in presenting the Program.

Lighting of the Mission Candle: Pat Davis, Lake Charles District Treasurer, and Iris Vinson, Secretary, lighted the Mission Candle, reading the Service in the program book. She reported that \$10,615.94 had been contributed to keep the candle burning 4 hours, 46 minutes, and 15 seconds.

Theme Hymn: The members sang stanzas 3 and 4 of the Theme Hymn.

Opening Meditation: Rev. Elizabeth Northen of Oakdale UMC gave the meditation

Duet: Gay Arnold, piano, and Mary B. Hudson, violin, closed the Opening Session with “Adoration.”

BUSINESS SESSION

Appointed to Examine the Journal: President Elouise Sanders appointed Jeri Dommert and Nell Hayes to examine the Journal.

Report of the Committee on Standing Rules and Guidelines: Norma Winegeart, chair, presented the proposed changes printed on pages 10 - 12 of the Program Book. **Norma moved adoption of the proposed changes. Motion was seconded by Nancy Carruth. Motion passed.**

Officer Reports:

The Officer Reports were narrated by Vice President Harriette Elrod using a program she had written, a copy of which is attached. Each officer used a scriptural reference to light and a prayer-poem to introduce herself, including the phrase “Let God’s light shine from this earthen vessel.”

Vice President: Harriette Elrod read Gen. 1:1-4. Harriette’s chief responsibility, serving as Chair of the Committee on Program, led to her personal experience of supportive community from mission team members while she cared for her daughter during a critical hospitalization.

Harriette commented particularly on the Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting in Tulsa. She said, “After teaching for many years in a formal classroom and presenting the story of ‘The Trail of Tears’...it was most rewarding spiritually, emotionally, and educationally to hear primary source presentations by Native Americans...The table decorations were works of native art and cherished by my granddaughter Leigh to take as illustrations in her classroom.”

The Committee on Program has as its responsibility setting goals for the Conference. These proposed goals printed on page 10 of the Program Book are:

1. In 2001 we will strengthen our Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission by:
 - A. Continuing to provide mission education by presenting a youth study for girls 13 - 17.
 - B. Targeting attendance of college/university and newly retired women.
2. We will continue to work to increase certification in:
 - A. Reading Program
 - B. Excellence of Study.
3. We will continue to promote the Charter for Racial Justice Policies through the 20/20 Charter Club.

4. We will continue to increase membership by:
 - A. Targeting
 1. Teen women ages 12 - 17
 2. College/ University women
 3. Young women ages 18 - 25
 4. Newly retired women
 - B. Organizing district and local units at
 1. Local churches where there are no units.
 2. Colleges and universities, Wesley Foundations and retirement centers.
5. We will continue our visitation programs to strengthen our connectional links with the local, district, and conference by providing assistance in such areas as membership campaigns, leadership development, creative programming and social action.
6. We will encourage all local units to become Mission Today units by asking all districts to conduct Mission Today workshops by January 2002.

Harriette moved the acceptance of these goals. Motion passed.

Secretary: Carolyn Colvin read Psalm 4:6 and 27:1. Since most of the Secretary's work is in the Conference Directory and Annual Report, her report to the group primarily concerned two new groups with whom she had worked which were in the process of forming. One was a young women's (ages 25 - 40) circle in her unit, FUMC Shreveport, and the other what was to be the first college unit in Louisiana at Centenary College.

Treasurer: Evelyn Evans Scripture selection was from Psalms 36:9 and 119:105-106. Evelyn quoted Seola Callahan in reminding the members that this was the first Louisiana Conference Annual Meeting of the new millennium. "We move into the 21st Century on the historical base of women who joined together, using what little they had to make a difference in the world - especially for women and children. Evelyn recognized forty two Five-Star units and presented certificates to district presidents to distribute at their District Annual Meetings: Acadiana 14 of 24 units, Alexandria 9, Baton Rouge 19, Lake Charles 24 of 35, Monroe 13, New Orleans 18, NorthShore 15, Ruston 14, and Shreveport 16.

Evelyn was to retire in January as Conference Officer and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve. With the many changes of the last decade, uncertainty and insecurity, UMW found themselves torn between the desire for certainty and the reality of change. UMW institutions over 100 years old were not the same as when established, and the "where, why, and how" of UMW giving changed. Jesus' goal of abundant life seemed in recent times to be a search for economic development, but even new entrepreneurs who made riches from technological changes were moving toward philanthropy with a new approach to giving focused on a quick infusion of funds where they could have a big impact. Some United Methodist agencies were getting caught up in this. But the return on bettering the world was difficult to calculate. For example St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans had gone from nearly going under with a budget of less than one million dollars to a budget over three million dollars invested in saving lives, getting young people off the street and into a job. These cannot be measured in dollars.

Ten years ago at the Annual Meeting in Monroe the Conference pledged \$315,000 and the budget proposed for 2001 would be \$240,000, not an improvement. Evelyn challenged the membership to meet and exceed this amount as a top priority.

Evelyn moved the adoption of the proposed budget for 2000 as found on page 9 of the Program Book. Seola Callahan seconded. Motion passed.

Mission Coordinators:

Spiritual Growth: Romans 13:12 was read by Lou Medlock who asked if members had grown spiritually since the last Annual Meeting. District Spiritual Growth Coordinators were asked to work with other coordinators to promote Mission Studies, Reading Program, Social Justice program, World Thank Offering, retreat, Call to Prayer an Self-Denial, and Prayer Calendar. Lou had participated in civic and UMW organizations such as Mayor's Council on Needs of Women, Arts Council, Civic Center Theater, Church Women United annual meeting, Monroe District Retreat, Louisiana Annual Conference, West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission, and Conference School for which she was responsible for the Meditation Booklets, Table Graces, and Meditation Room.

Social Action: Coordinator Ethel Lilly read I John 2:10.

Ethel reported participating in these activities:

*Shreveport District executive committee meeting where she shared information concerning the 20/20 Charter Club and the Women's Division Update.

*Louisiana Annual Conference.

*Conference Committee meetings and School of Christian Mission where she promoted letter writing.

*Shreveport District MiniSchool.

Education and Interpretation: Frances Patton shared Matthew 5:14 - 16 and reported distributing a total of ninety certificates at the Conference School of Christian Mission, 68 for Excellence of Study and 23 for Recognition of Study. Actions resulting from these studies made a great difference in communities at home and around the world.

Frances was to review the new packet Where the Money Goes and the requirements for Mission Today units at District Elected Leaders Training. She also attended the Monroe District MiniSchool and Alexandria District executive meeting.

Membership Nurture and Outreach: John 1:4-9 was Brenda Canty's scripture.

Brenda reported that Mission Today, District Visitations, and Membership Campaign all helped deepen and strengthen mission and provide mission and membership opportunities that reach local units.

*An increase of 0.4% in membership was shown in 1999 over the previous year with a 91% reporting rate, which means 30 of 271 units did not report.

*A Certificate of Reorganization was give to Blanchard UMW in Shreveport District.

*Two critical goals remain

1. To organize a unit of UMW in every church without a unit.
2. To have 100% reporting from every local unit every year.

*The District Team should send letters to every unit concerning visitation dates. Every unit should be visited by teams involving conference and district officers in order to strengthen connectional links between local and district units.

*Seven women received the Estelle Dameron Scholarship for Conference School of Christian Mission.

*UMW Sunday was observed by a reported 178 units, a 66% reporting rate, up over last year.

Brenda announced the selection of Jean Rockhold of the Ruston District as the Conference Woman in Mission for the year.

Secretary of Program Resources: Shirley Jacocks' scripture reading was from II Peter 1:19. She reported going to Leadership Training in Chicago, West Gulf Regional School in Abilene, Texas, School of Christian Mission, and the current Annual Meeting. With a large order of Reading Program books available at the Resource Center, study books Program Books, and other materials, the Conference should be well-supplied with literature. The Reading Program was a success with Lake Charles having the most churches and North Shore reading the most books.

<u>District</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Books</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Books</u>
Acadiana	3	13	62	New Orleans	5	34	142
Alexandria	5	52	225	North Shore	13	106	1,036
Baton Rouge	8	50	204	Ruston	8	33	184
Lake Charles	16	87	480	Shreveport	5	22	127
Monroe	7	20	130				
Totals					72	417	2,590

Shirley said, "Remember a reading woman is an informed woman and an informed woman is open to the many needs in our world and to the call of God."

Committee on Nominations: Chair Fannie Reddix said that the Committee had worked diligently to follow the Constitution and ByLaws in filling the offices for 2001 which would be vacated this year and urged the district and local unit committees to be careful to do the same. She reported that the following would continue letting their light shine in their present offices: President Elouise Sanders who also served as Chair of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies Committee; Secretary Carolyn Colvin who would be on the West Gulf Regional School Nominating Committee; 2001 Dean of the West Gulf Regional School and Assistant Dean of the 2001 Louisiana Conference School Brenda Canty; Coordinator for Education and Interpretation Frances Patton, also 2001 Dean of the Conference School; Secretary of Program Resources Shirley Jacocks; Coordinator for Social Action Ethel Lilly who also serves on the Charter Committee; Communications Coordinator Angelique White; and members of the Committee on Nominations Nell Hayes, Jean Cadenhead, Jean S. Williams, Alice Irving, Dot Moss, Helen Green, and Fannie Reddix; and appointed leaders continuing

would be Historian Seola Callahan, Standing Rules Chair Norma Winegeart and Editor Nancy Carruth whose light had been shining over twenty years. Another continuing officer was Jurisdiction Core Planning Group Additional Member Pat Cobb.

Fannie presented the slate of officers found on page 13 of the program book as follows:

Nominated for a two-year term of office (2001 - 2002):

Vice President	Kathleen Conrad (Acadiana)
Treasurer	Jeanette McCalman (Shreveport)
Mission Coordinator, Spiritual Growth Chair, Committee on Nominations	Lynn Foil (New Orleans)
Members of the Committee on Nominations Class of 2004	Rita Parham (Baton Rouge)
	Rita Parham
	Stephanae Carey (New Orleans)

Charter for Racial Justice Policies

Nominated for a three-year term(2001 - 2003)

Delma Baker (North Shore)
Claudia Hill (Acadiana)

Nominated for a one-year term (2001)

Frances Patton (Executive Representative)
(Monroe)

As nominations from the floor were allowed, President Sanders asked for nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, **Elouise Sanders declared the slate elected by general consent.**

Communications Coordinator: Angelique White reported designing and distributing thousands of newsletters as well as using media, flyers, electronic mail and other forms of communication to convey the news of UMW. In addition to current methods she planned to feature personal testimonies of UMW and how mission work affected their lives. The newsletter was intended to help members keep abreast of activities but now would also be used as a tool to recruit others. District newsletters would be displayed at the next Conference School.

President: President Elouise Sanders read Romans 9:21 and a meditation from Lilies of the Field entitled "Has the Potter No Right over the Clay?" Wong Wolfan writes, "God is the Potter, we are the clay - as the Potter molds the vessel, so we are shaped by the Potter's hands. If the world rejects us, God does not abandon us. He will turn the potter's wheel and form us anew. God has the power to shape us as he sees fit. God can mold us into vessels for beauty or vessels for menial use. Whatever God does, I am content as long as I can be useful. Though I be shattered, I will not complain. God will gather up the pieces, and when they have been ground into dust and mixed back into the clay, God will work them anew and shape me for use".

Elouise reported, "The officers of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women have had a busy year. They have attended meetings, visited units, been involved in training

events, taught studies, spoken at UMW Sunday celebrations, and participated in a variety of other events. God's light has shone from these earthen vessels - the Conference officers.

"The district officers have also been involved in many activities. A special thanks to the District Presidents for all your efforts to make the connection between the local units and the conference. God's light has shone from these earthen vessels - the District officers.

"At various times during the year, UMW members see the Conference officers and the District officers. They make reports and are up front for you to see and hear and they make wonderful contributions to our organization.

"Today I would like to recognize and pay tribute to another group of people - the local units. The individuals in the local units where mission really begins. The individuals who contribute so much and are the heart and soul of United Methodist Women. The people who go by and pick up a member who needs transportation to the meeting of the volunteers who provide a nursery so young mothers can come to the UMW meetings. The ones who call and check on each other, send cards, and pray for each other. The units that provide food pantries, clothes closets, and tutoring programs. The ones who volunteer at teen shelters and sponsor shots for tots. The ones who pack health kits and school kits for UMCOR and go on a mission trip to work at UMCOR. The ladies who make premie blankets and baby clothes for hospitals. These are a few of the many projects that United Methodist Women are involved in at the local units. God's light shines very brightly from these earthen vessels - the members of the local units.

Again quoting Lilies of the Field President Sanders read, "Let us remember that God is the Potter, we are the clay. He molds us and shapes us into earthen vessels so that His light can shine from us and through us to brighten a world that needs to see the light of God."

Psalter: The members read Psalm 16:5 - 11.

BREAK

UMW Sings was led by Barbara Leming, Song Leader.

Greetings from the Jurisdiction: Pat Cobb, additional member of the Core Planning Group, explained that the CPG was the planning group for the jurisdiction whose responsibility was carrying out the programs for the Women's Division. The main focus of Women's Division for this quadrennium was the MISSION TODAY emphasis which was being promoted earlier in the program.

Church Women United (CWU): State President Martha Boone was at a funeral and sent information regarding the Assembly to be held July 26 - 20, 2001, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PROJECT REPORTS

National Mission Projects of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church
Located in the Louisiana Conference

DULAC COOPERATIVE MINISTRY; Corine Paulk, a native of Dulac who lives in Houma, was a member of the Bayou Blue UMC. She worked with Indian education for 25 years in the Terrebonne Parish School system and felt that she would not be at the meeting if it were not for being a product of UMW's mission. The mission has been active since the early 1930's serving the people of Terrebonne Parish with special emphasis on the Native Americans. The center operates on Christian principles to develop democratic leadership, economic opportunities, promote education and child development along with strengthening community and family life. Ms. Paulk expressed appreciation to the United Methodist Church for their support of this center, especially the UMW of Louisiana saying, "You wonder sometimes if your mission dollars are doing any good, ...but later on in life you know you have done some good and are thankful for it." Some of the programs offered are computer labs, Volunteers in Mission from across the country come to help with construction, crafts, and a variety of recreational programs. She requested continued support with prayers and money and expressed gratitude on behalf of the community.

MACDONELL UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC. Gerald Bridges reminded the group that 31 years ago he addressed the group for the first time as director of MacDonell's while Mrs. Elizabeth McGowan was president. He had been in the job for three months. When he came to the podium, Mrs. McGowan whispered to him that the main speaker was not there and asked him to speak for thirty minutes. He expressed pleasure in serving for 31 years. At that time MacDonell was a custodial service. Now it is a full-fledged, state certified and licensed residential facility without a single deficiency. With 32 residents. Gerald expressed gratitude for the support of UMW and encouraged members to remember MacDonell's in their wills. He also encouraged members to visit the facility.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER: Director Rev. Gregor Dike expressed his pleasure and gratitude for being invited to speak and in having the privilege of being in this particular mission for the UMW. He reported that this past year the center had served over 7600 children and adults in the several programs. Last year at the Annual Meeting he remembered being nervous because the charter school had just opened with its added ninth grade of 100 students. The state evaluator in March gave the school a good recommendation for its future operation. In September of 2000 the school opened with a new tenth grade of 100 and adding a grade will continue each year until it is a complete high school. Nearly 90% of the students in the ninth grade in 1999 chose to return to the tenth grade in 2000. With the help of Jo Ann White, Pat Cobb, and others they got Bishop Dan Solomon to come to St. Mark's for a Power Point presentation which resulted in the awarding of a \$1.2 million grant from the General Board of Global Ministries. Rev. Dike urged the members to continue supporting St. Mark's and the other missions in Louisiana with prayer.

HONORING RETIRING OFFICERS: Nell Hayes asked that Harriette Elrod, Evelyn Evans, Lou Medlock, Fannie Reddix, Delma Baker and Betty Tripp come forward. Saying that God's light had shone in the face of Jesus Christ and the light that shines in his followers would light the way into the twenty-first century. Her wish was that members follow the

light of those who had gone before and become vessels for that light that spread the Good News. The women who stood before her had served diligently. Showing several different vessels, Nell compared the work of these women with them. One was cracked showing wear and tear and represented their toil. Another was shiny and unadorned. Each officer was given a Special Mission Recognition pin and/or a certificate and charged to remember that her work was not done and that she was to continue to let her light shine through her earthen vessel. Nancy Carruth announced that Evelyn Evans' pin would be upgraded in honor of the many years of service she had given.

Announcements: Tammie Mayo made several announcements.

Mission Today Skit: Brenda Canty and Carolyn Colvin performed a skit explaining that Mission Today was a program from Women Division, and the steps needed to be taken for units to become bronze, silver or gold Mission Today units.

Adjournment: President Elouise Sanders adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

EVENING SESSION
Treasures of Marilyn's
6:45 P.M.

The members were welcomed by Joyce Hazel, Mistress of Ceremonies and Mary Parker of Lake Charles said Grace. Music was presented by Joyful Noise, contemporary worship team of First UMC, Lake Charles, and by Jacquie and Sarah Prielipp of Leesville and Jennings churches respectively.

Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Carl Lueg, retired United Methodist Minister who had baptized the speaker when she was an infant, introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. Dana Robert, Professor of World Mission at Boston University School of Theology.

Message: Dr. Robert told of a wedding in Zimbabwe at which dishes were thrown to the bride in their version of the bridal registry. She said that the clay pots in the theme for the meeting symbolize women's tasks which center around feeding and nurturing the family. Like the clay pots women serve a necessary, fragile function in society.

In Paul's day people hid their treasures in clay pots just as women's treasures are hidden within their earthen vessels. Women may make excuses for unfitness - they are not spiritual, not educated, not smart, or not qualified. But God works through ordinary clay pots in spite of their problems and faults.

In Acts 9:36 - 43 the story of Tabitha/Dorcas tells of a poor widow who died and was washed and prepared for burial. So why was Peter called to the home? The others were standing around crying and Peter sent them from the room and raised her. She later organized other widows to help themselves and she helped clothe them. She was called a "disciple", the only woman in the New Testament to be so designated. Poor widows were

helped by the wealthy widows. They became very powerful especially in prayer and were oppressed by Rome partly because they would not remarry and transfer their inheritance to another man.

Sending Forth: Jeri Dommert asked if Elouise Sanders had any announcements. Jeri said thanked the leaders for their work and dismissed the meeting.

Saturday, September 16

UMW Sings: Singing by the members was led by Barbara Leming, Song Leader.

Prelude: The Asbury Ringers led by Director Lamar Robertson performed “Fanfare for Bells”.

Pledge Service: Evelyn Evans, Treasurer, and Frances Patton, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation, led the Pledge Service as printed in the Program Book. The service was based on the “Where the Money Goes” packet from the Service Center. The total pledges for 2001 were \$240,000 for the Conference.

Morning Worship: Dr. Marvette Thomas, Pastor of Mallalieu - Jones United Methodist Church brought the devotional based on the theme in which she emphasized the parallel between us and earthen vessels which God uses to spread his love and message. Saying that while we can plug in and use our modern power tools and equipment, we have trouble keeping our spirits plugged into the power of God. She carefully described the steps by which a potter prepares clay and then uses his skill to make a vessel and said that God likewise made us of “206 bones, 880 muscles, 320 nerves, 294 arteries, 87 veins, one heart, one brain, two lungs, two kidneys, covered with four layers of skin and topped off with protective hair.” Even so each vessel is unique while still being in the likeness of God, painted inside and out with the Holy Spirit which keeps us intact even when our vessels are broken. She closed by quoting the theme hymn “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”.

Offertory Prayer/ Offering: Treasurer Evelyn Evans led the congregation in the offertory prayer and the District Treasurers received the offering.

Offertory Music: The Asbury Ringers, directed by Lamar Robertson, and Lori Gober who played flute accompanied Mike Mayo who read “The Shepherd’s Psalm”. This was followed by the Doxology sung by the members.

Morning Message: Dr. Dana Robert began by telling about meetings in southern African indigenous churches at which there might be ten different speakers. Someone reads a verse of Scripture and one speaker tells what it means to him and then the group sings a song. Then another speaker speaks until the end of the selection. If one speaker goes on too long

the women stand and start singing and dancing and the speaker has to sit down. In this way the women exert their power in a male dominated church.

Reading the theme Scripture Dr. Robert recalled that clay pots had usually been associated with women who had been seen as fragile and lacking power. Yet God has always used women to spread the Good News. An unnamed woman in the New Testament whom we designate as the Samaritan woman, one of the people Jews saw as flawed and defective, an ancestor of the modern Arabs and usually considered to be a prostitute. The clay jar she carried on her head to get water needed for her household was seen as a metaphor for her burdens and problems. Bringing water for her family is the main occupation for women in undeveloped countries still today.

The Samaritan woman was at the well at noon which indicated that she was shunned by other women which made her jar even heavier. Her response to Jesus' request for a drink showed her shock that a Jewish stranger would speak to her. Jesus responded by offering living water which would keep thirst away forever and then told her to go get her husband. To her answer that she had no husband Jesus revealed her great problem that she had had five husbands and a man with whom she lived at the time. Probably she was an abandoned woman since all men needed to do was give a note to his wife stating that he wanted a divorce. Thus she would have been forced to live unmarried with a man in order to survive.

The first step toward the living water was to remove her mask covering sin and brokenness, as it is ours today. As she revealed her identity to Jesus, Jesus revealed his identity to her - the Messiah. God bent down into the labor of a woman's difficult daily life and gave her the gift of Himself and the living water which cured her thirst from sin, loneliness, and despair. Jesus did not preach or reach down to her; he merely spent time with her. He met her where she was in her daily work and life.

After this encounter she left her jar (her weighty problems) and ran encouraged into town and broadcast the news of Jesus with confidence and many believed because of her testimony. She was a fragile vessel who was filled with living water who became the first person mentioned in the Bible other than the twelve disciples.

Dr. Robert said that Methodist women had been in the mission field since 1819 and told of the New York Female Missionary Society which sent missionaries to Liberia, a colony in Africa founded for freed slaves. Ann Wilson heard a speaker asking for support for this colony and put a note in the collection plate volunteering to go as a missionary and she survived twenty years in an area where most missionaries only lived six months because of malaria. Recently it was discovered that she had been abandoned by her husband. Our first heroine missionary held her treasure in a flawed earthen vessel. She, like the Samaritan woman, and like we are called to be, used her life in spite of her weakness to bring Jesus Christ to people without hope.

Report of Registration: Eleanor Moffett reported attendance of 431 members.

Special Mission Recognition: SMR pins were presented by Elouise Sanders assisted by Maxie Garrett to Sharon Zehner who was ordained an elder at Annual Conference and to Deacons Barbara Murray, Judith Shema, and Judy Bazer, and Janet Cavalier, a Diaconal

Minister. Also honored with pins were Chair Jeroldean Dommert and Assistant Chair Joyce Hazel.

Installation of Officers: Joyce Hazel led the installation ceremony calling the newly-elected officers to the altar. She said that the theme Scripture from Paul emphasized not the vessels but the light of God's valuable message of redemption held in the vessels. United Methodist Women respond to the call to spread this two-branched message when by responding to the physical and spiritual needs of women, children and youth by helping to provide and maintain homes, hospitals, food banks and clothes closets world-wide. The new officers made a commitment to the organization by accepting their offices. Joyce challenged other members to respond positively to requests from nominating committees to fill an office. She then asked the new officers if they would accept the duties of their office with God's help which received a positive response. The members were asked to support these officers. All other officers were asked to join the new members of the team and Joyce offered a prayer of blessing and challenge. Each was presented a clay pot of flowers. The members all sang "This Little Light of Mine".

Invitation to the 2001 Annual Meeting: Jane Eubanks, President of North Shore District, and Ella Mae Doyle of St. Timothy on the North Shore United Methodist Unit in Mandeville joined in inviting the Conference to meet at St. Timothy on September 14 and 15, 2001.

Announcements: Evelyn Evans announced that the collection for the morning was \$1676.48.

Editor Nancy Carruth asked that each person take responsibility for seeing that she received their names and addresses if they were not an officer and wanted to receive the Newsletter.

President Sanders announced that the Mission Candle burned through the entire session.

Adjournment: President Elouise Sanders adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Service of Word and Table

Following a short recess a Communion Service was held. The Prelude was "The Garden Hymn" played by Susan Arrington, Organist. The members sang the theme hymn and were led in prayer by Rev. Tracy MacKenzie, Associate Pastor of Henning Memorial UMC. Special music was provided by the Ladies Ensemble of Warren UMC of Lake Charles and a meditation given by Rev. Doug de Graffenreid, host pastor .

Celebrants were Dr. Doug Ezel, District Superintendent of Lake Charles District, Rev. William Elliott of Warren UMC, Lake Charles, Rev. Carolyn Volentine of DeQuincy UMC, Rev. Tracy MacKenzie, Associate Pastor of Henning Memorial UMC, Sulphur, and Rev. Karen Davis of Maplewood UMC, Sulphur.

Dr. Doug Ezel gave the Benediction and Susan Arrington played "A Song of Rejoicing" as a Postlude.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Calvin, Secretary*

MINUTES
POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 16, 2000

Following the communion service the Executive Committee met for lunch at which President Elouise Sanders introduced the incoming members of the Committee including the new District Presidents. She also gave members a list of the members with names, addresses, and phone numbers as well as a calendar of scheduled events for 2001. New officers Angelique White, Nell Hayes, Jeanette McCalman, Rita Parham, and Stephanac Carey will be attending Leadership Training in St. Louis on November 17 - 19.

Rita Parham, chair of DELT, presented information for Conference Officers who would be training their district counterparts on October 21, 2000. Outgoing officers will be responsible for the training assisted by incoming officers.

The meeting adjourned with the Sending Forth.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Colvin, Conference Secretary

